

TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

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TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Wednesday, 19th July, 1922.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall, Trivandrum, at Ten fifty-five of the Clock, being the first day of the meeting of the Council, pursuant to (2) of Section 4 of Regulation II of 1097, and the President (DEWAN BAHADUR T. RAGHAVIAH PANTULU GARU, B. A.) took the Chair.

The President first subscribed the Oath. The following members were then sworn or affirmed under Rule 20 of the Legislative Council Electoral Rules:

1. Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar Avergal, B. A., B. L.;
 2. Sahib Bahadur S. Adam Sait; 3. M. R. Ry. K. Anantanarayana Aiyar Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 4. Mr. I. C. Chacko, B. A., B. Sc.;
 5. M. R. Ry. T. M. Chidambaranathan Pillai Avergal; 6. Mr. Paul V. Daniel, B. A., B. L.; 7. M. R. Ry. R. Dhanukoti Pillai Avergal, B. A. (Oxon); 8. Mr. R. Everard, C. E.; 9. Mr. K. George, B. A.; 10. M. R. Ry. A. Govinda Menon Avergal, B. A.; 11. Mr. L. C. Hodgson, M. A.;
 12. Mr. A. Hoogewerf; 13. Sahib Bahadur M. K. Khadir Pillai; 14. M. R. Ry. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai Avergal; 15. M. R. Ry. S. Krishna Aiyar Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 16. M. R. Ry. R. Krishna Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 17. M. R. Ry. N. Kumaran Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 18. M. R. Ry. T. Kumara Pillai Avergal; 19. Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai, M. A., B. Sc., Ph. D.;
 20. Mr. Tariatun Kunjitomman; 21. M. R. Ry. V. Kunjukrishna Pillai Avergal; 22. The Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Vettikkapalli; 23. Mr. C. J. Kurien;
 24. Dewan Bahadur Dr. P. N. Lakshmanan, B. A., M. B. C. M., M. R. C. S., M. R. C. P., D. P. H.; 25. M. R. Ry. T. Lakshmana Pillai Avergal, B. A.;
 26. Mr. John Mackie; 27. M. R. Ry. M. R. Madhava Variar
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Avergal, B. A., LL. B.; 28. Mr. K. C. Mammen Mappillai, B. A.; 29. M. R. Ry. P. K. Narayana Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 30. Mr. J. John Nidiri, B. A., B. L.; 31. M. R. Ry. M. Nilakanta Pillai Avergal, L. M. & S. (Homeo.); 32. M. R. Ry. N. Padmanabha Pillai Avergal, BAR-AT-LAW.; 33. Mr. Joseph Panjikaran, B. A., B. L.; 34. M. R. Ry. S. Paramesvara Aiyar Avergal, M. A., B. L.; 35. M. R. Ry. Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 36. M. R. Ry. G. Paramesvaran Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 37. M. R. Ry. P. Paramesvaran Avergal; 38. Mr. W. H. Pitt; 39. M. R. Ry. K. C. Raja Raja Varma Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 40. M. R. Ry. M. Raja Raja Varma Avergal, M. A., B. L.; 41. M. R. Ry. N. Ramakrishna Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 42. M. R. Ry. C. Ramankunju Avergal; 43. M. R. Ry. K. P. Raman Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 44. M. R. Ry. V. Raman Pillai Avergal; 45. M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar Avergal, M. A.; 46. M. R. Ry. V. Subba Aiyar Avergal, B. A., B. L.; 47. Mr. Dominic Tomman; 48. Mr. A. J. Van Ross; 49. M. R. Ry. Trivikramar Vasudevar Avergal; 50. M. R. Ry. T. K. Velu Pillai Avergal, B. A., B. L.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen of the Reformed Legislative Council, in welcoming you to the inaugural meeting of the Council, I have very great pleasure in informing you that I have been graciously commanded by His Highness the Maha Raja to deliver to you His Highness' Message on this auspicious occasion. The following is the Message.

The President then read the following Message, the whole House standing:

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA'S MESSAGE TO THE TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

On the occasion of your first meeting under Regulation II of 1097, which I promulgated early in the year I desire to send you a message of good-will, faith and hope.

2. *Thirty-four years ago, I commanded the creation of the first Legislative Council which was to consist of not more than eight nominated members, of whom six were to be officials. Their functions were mainly of an advisory nature with regard to the legislative measures placed before them. Ten years later, the strength of the Council was raised to a maximum of 15 nominated members and the non-official proportion was also raised, but the official majority, though reduced, was retained. Though the law did not recognise elected members, a restricted power of election was, by executive action, given to the members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly ten years later. The statutory right to elect members by the direct vote of the people was conferred only three years ago and occasion was then taken to issue a fresh Proclamation by which the maximum strength of the Council rose to 25 and the members were allowed to discuss the budget and to interpellate Government on matters of public interest. But the official majority still remained. A couple of years afterwards, the present law was promulgated by me which*